

**Town of Sunset Beach
Monthly Council Work Session
May 15, 2012**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Richard Cerrato, Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita, Councilman Wilson Sherrill, Councilwoman Karen Joseph, Councilman Mike Williams, and Councilwoman Carol Scott.

Members absent: None

Attorney & Staff Present: Gary Parker, Town Administrator; Attorney Mike Isenberg; Richard Childres, Assistant Fire Chief; Donna Rogers, Finance Director; Dustin Graham, Public Works Director; Lisa Massey, Police Chief, and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk.

Mayor Cerrato called the Work Session to order. Mayor Cerrato stated “Does any member of the Council have a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with regard to any item on the agenda, and if so, please state so at this time?” No one spoke.

Agenda Discussion

Gary Parker advised that Michael Norton has requested that the Bike Trail/Pedestrian Walkway discussion be moved to the end of this meeting and the Council agreed.

Public Comments

Joe Santavicca 9109 Forest Drive – Questioned the conflict of interest statement being made by Mayor Cerrato at the beginning of the last few meetings and encouraged the Mayor to advise the public if he has knowledge of a Council member that has a conflict of interest as implied.

The Council heard from several Jaguar’s Lair property owners and an Attorney who represents numerous property owners all requesting that the infrastructure bonds be called and questioning where the developer will get the funds needed to complete the infrastructure.

Parking Engineer Discussion on Scope of Work

The Council and Fred Burchette, Kimley-Horn & Associates, discussed the scope of work outlined in the RFQ for the parking study to be conducted on the island and scaled it down to reduce the associated cost. Gary Parker will negotiate the cost with Mr. Burchette and report back to the Council.

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 130.15 Shading Devices Discussion

The Council discussed only including provisions that the shading devices and sporting equipment must be at least 12 feet from the front dune line and must not block pedestrian walkways or emergency vehicle accesses, and that anchoring lines or tie down strings may not extend more than two (2) feet from the supporting poles. Councilwoman Scott will prepare a revised Shading Device Ordinance for the Council to consider at the June 4, 2012 meeting.

Consideration of Approval for the Tolling Agreement with Mark Saunders, Coastal Communities

Attorney Isenberg advised that the Tolling Agreement negotiations are nearing completion. The Agreement has a three (3) year maximum term and can be cancelled by either party with forty-five (45) days written notice. Attorney Isenberg advised that the Tolling Agreement will allow the Town to negotiate deadlines for infrastructure completion and if negotiations fail the Town can terminate the agreement and call the bonds. Attorney Isenberg will present the Tolling Agreement to Council for approval consideration at the May 24, 2012 Work Session.

Consideration of Granting Permission for the Installation of Cigarette Signs on Beach Strand

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH MADE A MOTION TO GRANT PERMISSION TO EDWARD GUTKNECHT TO INSTALL CIGARETTE SIGNS ON THE BEACH STRAND. COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR CERRATO CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Bike Trail/Pedestrian Walkway – Michael Norton

The Council and Michael Norton reviewed the revised mainland and island maps of the Bike Trail/Pedestrian Walkway. Michael Norton advised Council that a meeting was held with the Sea Trail representatives, including representatives from the controlling Bank, and the Town received approval of the design and the placement of signs designating it as the “Sunset Beach Bike Trail/Pedestrian Walkway.” Michael Norton advised that a vehicular straight through lane in front of the Jones-Byrd Clubhouse will be eliminated and then designated as the bike trail, and that a paved shoulder will be added from the Maples Clubhouse to the Shoreline Drive West entrance to complete the paved trail. The trail then merges into traffic and proceeds to Shoreline Drive East. The Council discussed the cost (\$160,000 approx.) of the 8-foot wide bridges (1 – small & 2 – medium) that will be needed along Shoreline Drive East to cross the water areas. The Council requested Michael Norton review the island streetscape plan and give his opinion if the bike trail should be on each side of Sunset Blvd or on one. Gary Parker advised that Leon & Anita August have offered to write the grants for the bike trail/pedestrian walkway.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MAY 15, 2012 WORK SESSION. COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR CERRATO CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town of Sunset Beach

Richard Cerrato, Mayor

Submitted by:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

*The May 15, 2012 Work Session Minutes were approved July 2, 2012.